

Table 7. Home health services^a: median and mean expenditures per person with expense and distribution of expenditures by source of payment, U.S., 1997

Population characteristic	Total population (in thousands)	Percent with expense	Annual total expense per person with expense		Percent distribution of total expenses by source of payment						
			Median	Mean	Total expenses (in millions)	Out of Pocket	Private Insurance ^b	Medicare	Medicaid	Other public programs ^c	Other ^d
Total	271,279	2.4	\$1,676	\$4,552	\$29,210	15.5	6.6	50.2	22.3	4.4	0.9*
Age in years											
Under 65	237,093	1.0	1,082	3,599	8,477	11.3*	18.5	13.7	49.5	6.0*	1.0*
Under 6	23,791	1.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
6-17	48,127	0.3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
18-44	108,879	0.8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
45-64	56,295	1.9	1,374	3,705	3,950	18.2*	12.8	24.8	36.7	6.4*	1.2*
65 and over	34,185	11.9	2,323	5,104	20,732	17.3	1.7*	65.2	11.1	3.8	0.9*
Sex											
Male	132,605	1.8	1,422	4,011	9,371	18.0*	6.2*	54.8	15.4*	5.4*	0.2*
Female	138,673	2.9	1,949	4,861	19,839	14.4	6.8*	48.1	25.5	4.0*	1.3*
Race/ethnicity											
White and other	206,082	2.5	1,572	4,208	22,022	18.1	7.7*	48.7	20	4.6*	0.9*
Black	34,086	2.2	2,085*	5,789	4,330	4.5*	0.7*	60.3	29.2	4.7*	0.7*
Hispanic	31,111	1.4	3,419	6,558	2,857	12.8*	7.0*	46.8	29.1	2.9*	1.5*
Health insurance status^{ef}											
Under age 65:											
Any private	173,962	0.8	852	2,577	3,525	25.7*	44.4	16.0*	10.2*	3.3*	0.5*
Public only	29,828	3.0	2,353	5,412	4,819	0.7*	0.1*	12.4*	79.6	6.2*	1.0*
Uninsured	33,304	0.3*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Age 65 and over:											
Medicare only	8,550	11.7	2,041	5,090	5,081	20.7	0.0	74.3	0.0	3.0*	2.0*
Medicare and private	21,690	10.0	1,518	4,313	9,364	26.1	3.7*	67.2	1.0*	2	0.0
Medicare and other public	3,486	25.4	4,179	7,078	6,278	1.4*	0.0	54.9	35.2	7.1	1.4*
Poverty status^g											
Poor	36,415	4.0	2,577	5,326	7,850	4.8*	2.9*	41	46.1	3.7	1.6*
Near-poor	12,233	4.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Low income	38,723	3.2	2,825	5,364	6,713	10.8*	2.6*	70.1	10.4	5.4*	0.7*
Middle income	89,981	2.1	1,196	4,076	7,707	14.3	11.7*	52	15.4*	6.2*	0.4*
High income	93,926	1.3	893	3,576	4,468	46.4	13.1*	31.9	7.0*	1.2*	0.5*
Metropolitan statistical area (MSA)^e											
MSA	215,782	2.0	1,401	4,685	19,769	19.5	8.5	41.5	24.7	4.9	0.7
Non-MSA	52,621	2.7	1,959	4,434	6,322	6.2*	2.1*	70.6	16.3	3.6	1.2*
Census Region											
Northeast	52,394	2.5	1,896	5,051	6,695	11.7*	4.9*	40.9	38.9	2.4	1.2*
Midwest	63,090	2.4	1,267	3,381	5,104	6.1	3.4*	59.9	23.0*	7.1	0.5*
South	94,929	2.5	1,871	4,832	11,586	22.0*	5.3*	54.1	14.6	3.0*	1.0*
West	60,865	1.9	1,911*	4,916	5,825	15.5	14.0*	44.8	17.8*	7.2*	0.8*
Perceived health status^h											
Under 65 years											
Excellent, very good, or good	217,904	0.5	880	3,027	3,536	7.1*	29.7*	4.1*	49.4	8.9*	0.7*
Fair or Poor	18,876	6.0	1,491	4,164	4,721	12.0*	9.4*	21.4	51.8	4.1*	1.3*
65 years and over											
Excellent, very good, or good	24,864	6.4	1,565	4,231	6,707	14.2	2.1*	61.7	14.9*	5.0*	2.0*
Fair or Poor	8,890	26.8	2,840	5,824	13,865	18.9	1.5*	66.6	9.4	3.2	0.4*

^aExpenses for care provided by home health agencies and independent home health providers are included. Most home health expenses (82.5%) were from agency providers.

^bPrivate insurance includes CHAMPUS and CHAMPVA (Armed-Forces-related coverage).

^cOther public programs include Department of Veterans Affairs (except CHAMPVA); other Federal sources (Indian Health Service, military treatment facilities, and other care provided by the Federal Government); other State and local sources (community and neighborhood clinics, State and local health departments, and State programs other than Medicaid); and other public (Medicaid payments reported for persons who were not enrolled in the Medicaid program at any time during the year).

^dOther includes Worker's Compensation; other unclassified sources (e.g., automobile, homeowner's, liability, and other miscellaneous or unknown sources); and other private insurance (any type of private insurance payments reported for persons without private health insurance coverage during the year, as defined in MEPS).

^eNumber of persons and amount of expenses do not add to overall total because data on this variable were not available for some sample persons.

^fUninsured refers to persons uninsured during the entire year. Public and private health insurance categories refer to individuals with public or private insurance at any time during the period; individuals with both public and private insurance and those with CHAMPUS or CHAMPVA (Armed-Forces-related coverage) are classified as having insurance.

^gPoor refers to incomes below the Federal poverty line; near poor, over the poverty line through 125 percent of the poverty line; low income, over 125 percent through 200 percent of the poverty line; middle income, over 200 percent to 400 percent of the poverty line; and high income, over 400 percent of the poverty line.

-- Less than 100 sample cases with expenses.

*Relative standard error equal to or greater than 30 percent.

Note: These estimates are for a target population of approximately 271.3 million persons who were in the civilian noninstitutionalized population for all or part of 1997. Percents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

Source: Center for Cost and Financing Studies, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality: Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, 1997.